

# Summer Read-Along Series



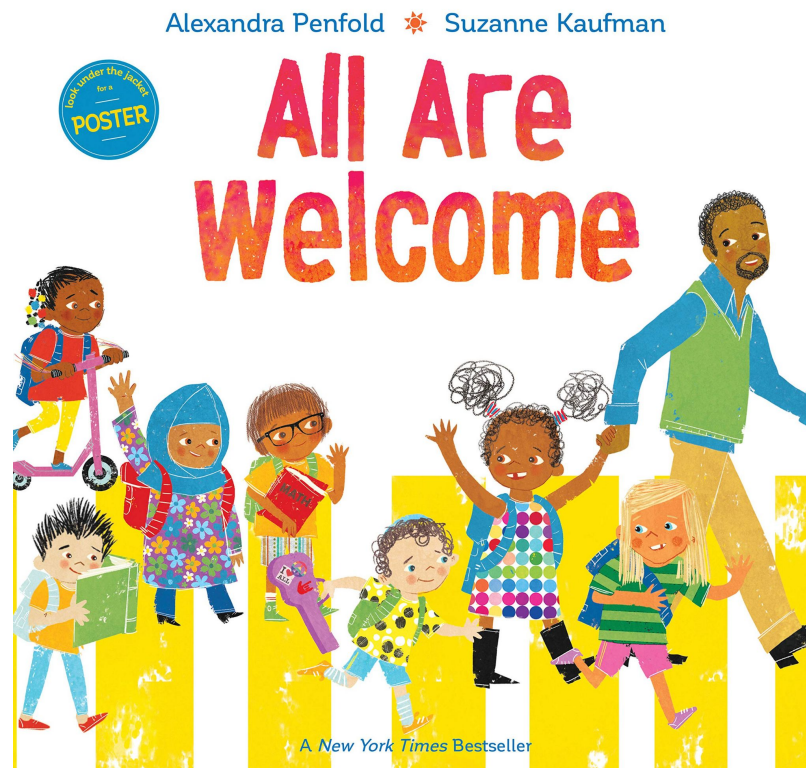
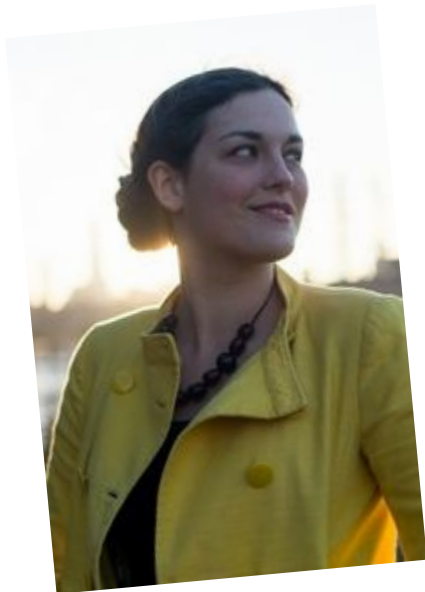
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# All Are Welcome

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# UMC Commitments & Actions

## Multicultural and Interreligious Communities

[Book of Resolutions #3102](#) : Support for Multicultural and Global Churches

[Book of Resolutions #3291](#): Called to Be Neighbors and Witnesses: Guidelines for Interreligious Relationships

**“United Methodist Christians are neighbors with persons whose religious commitments are different from our own. We open ourselves to dialogue and engagement with persons of other faith communities and to other Christians whose understandings, cultures, and practices may be different from our own.”**

**-[Book of Resolutions #3291](#)**

# Scripture Passages to Check Out

Mark 12:29-31

Luke 10:25-37

John 13:35

Acts 2

Galatians 3:28

Hebrews 12:14





# Questions to Talk About

1. On the first day at a new school or group gathering, have you ever worried that other kids may not welcome you or want to be your friend? Many children all over the world feel that way. What can you do to make others feel welcome?
2. How do you think your friends are like you and different from you?
3. What do you think are the good things about getting to know people who are different from us?
4. How can you show kindness to people who are different from you? Why is kindness so important?
5. Would you like to be part of the school in the story? What things do you think make people feel welcome in this school?



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Adapted from [All Are Welcome Literature Guide](#), by Lisa Sandor for LearningToGive.org

# Activities to Try Together

- Draw a picture of a community you belong to. It could be a class, team, church, or other group. Show the differences of looks, colors, activities, and actions of the people in your group. Show how your community is stronger because of all the differences and kindnesses that make people feel welcome.
- Make a list of places that you go where you feel welcome. What are some ways you can make someone else feel welcome there? Write a list of five kind things you can do and make a plan to do them.
- Say something when you see someone feeling sad or unwelcomed. Reach out to them, include them in what you are doing, or just say hello to show them they matter and that you care. Be kind, and be a friend!

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# Join Us Next Week!



**Wednesday,  
July 28**

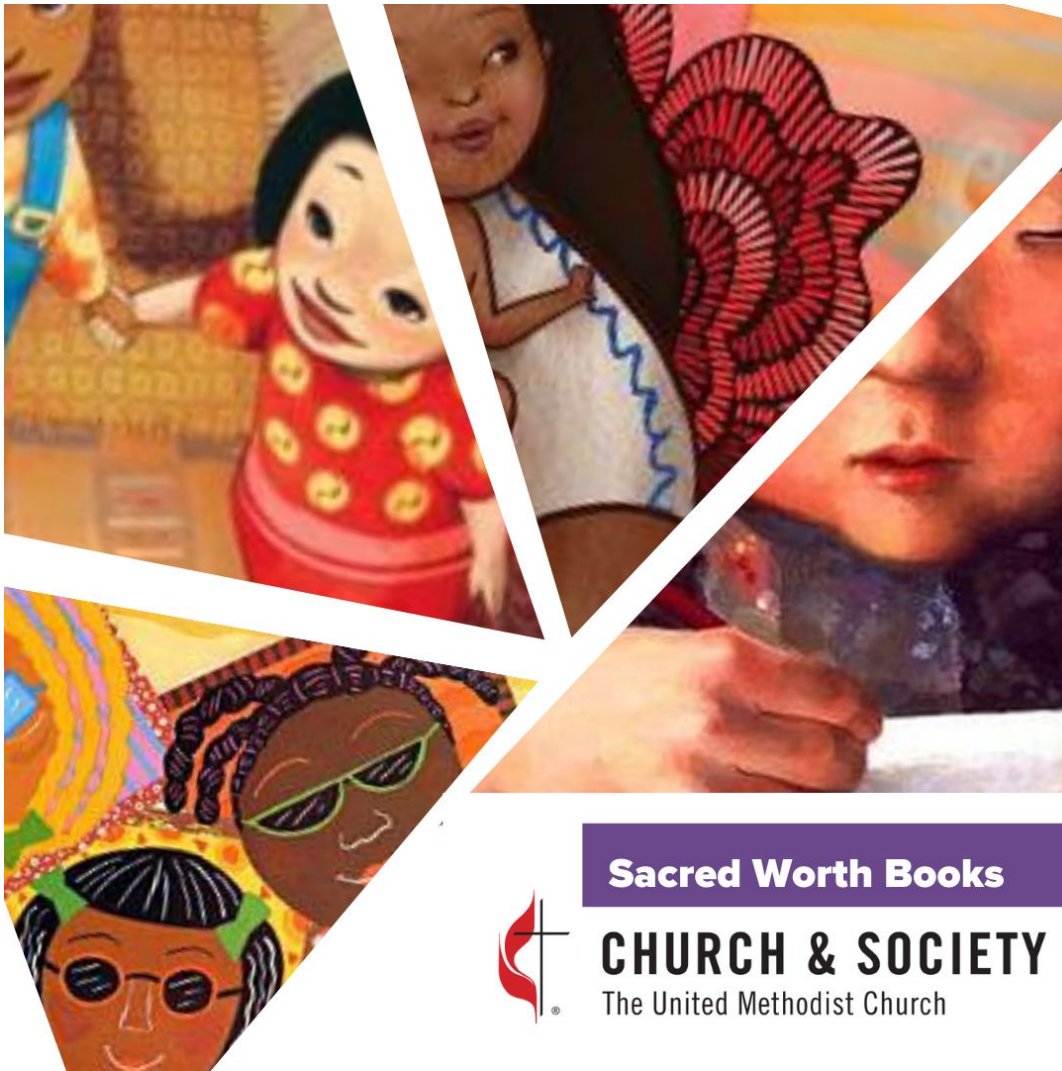
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